Amherst Leisure Services and Supplement Education Commission Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Amherst Regional Middle School

Present: S. Ziomek, Chair, M. Bell, J. Patulak, A. Torres-Neto, P. Blier

Guest: D. Ziomek

Call to Order: S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes: J. Patulak moved and A. Torres-Neto seconded that the minutes from May 12 be approved. The minutes were unanimously approved with one abstention. P. Blier abstained.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

D. Ziomek, Director of Conservation and Development, was available to answer questions and receive comments about the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The LSSE Commission provided a letter endorsing the plan. J. Patulak moved and M. Bell seconded that the plan be accepted with minor corrections. The vote was unanimous.

Set LSSE Meetings

The Commission set the following dates for upcoming meetings: July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, 2009.

Smoking at Recreation and Parks Areas

S. Ziomek stated that when the Board of Health discusses the smoking in recreation and park areas issue he would like to attend the meeting.

Dog Problems at Recreation and Parks Areas

L. Chalfant reported that she briefed the Health Director on the dog problems at the Town's recreation and parks areas. Currently the Board of Health has a number of issues that they are looking into and they may not be able to immediately address this. Other solutions were brainstormed including more signage and a discussion with the University of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Health.

Handicap Accessibility at Recreation and Parks Areas

S. Ziomek reported that there is a cross walk but no curb cut at the entrance to the Mill River Recreation Area from Montague Road. L. Chalfant stated that she would report this to Guilford Mooring, DPW Superintendent.

Capital Projects Update

L. Chalfant updated the Commission on the status of the Plum Brook Recreation Area and other projects.

Budget Process

L. Chalfant described several more cuts that would be affecting LSSE in FY 10. These included eliminating the \$10,000 for the War Memorial Pool Leak Repair and cutting the \$25,000 for the LSSE Pick up Truck.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

J. Patulak moved and M. Bell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.